

Remarks

In view of the above amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Status of All of the Claims

Below is the status of the claims in this application.

1. Claim(s) pending: 1-54.
2. Claim(s) canceled: None.
3. Claim(s) added: None.
4. Claims withdrawn from consideration but not canceled: 18, 25, 26, 28-31, 38-46,

and 49.

Restriction Requirement/Election

In item 1 of the Office Action, the applicant was required to elect one of the following species:

- Species I, drawn to the integrated bodily fluid sampling device of Figures 1-3
- Species II, drawn to the integrated bodily fluid sampling device of Figures 4-5
- Species III, drawn to the integrated bodily fluid sampling device of Figures 6-7
- Species IV, drawn to the integrated bodily fluid sampling device of Figures 8-10
- Species V, drawn to the integrated bodily fluid sampling device of Figures 11-12

In response to the restriction requirement, the applicant hereby elects, without traversal, Species I, drawn to the integrated bodily fluid sampling device of Figures 1-3. As a result of this election, claims 18, 25, 26, 28-31, 38-46, and 49 have been withdrawn from consideration. It is believed that the remaining claims read on elected Species I. As noted in the Office Action, pending claims 1 and 32 are generic.

Information Disclosure Statement

As a housekeeping matter, it should be noted that an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) has been submitted with this response. The Applicants kindly request that the Examiner returns an initialed copy of the IDS form with the next communication from the Patent Office.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is requested to pass the case to issue. If the Examiner should have any comments or suggestions to help speed the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the applicants' undersigned representative by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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